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REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement mailed June 3, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and, by this Response, Applicant has amended claim 18. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 11 and 18 are independent.

In the Requirement for Restriction, the Examiner stated that the captioned application includes two distinct inventions: Invention I, claims 1-17, drawn to an apparatus for delivering liquid, classified in class 119, subclass 6.8; and Invention II, claims 18-20, drawn to a method for delivering liquid, classified in class 606, subclass 44.

Applicants hereby elect Invention I directed to the apparatus, with traverse.

As clarified in amended claim 18, the method for delivering liquid according to the present invention is an automated method using the disclosed apparatus as set forth in claims 1-17. Accordingly, the statement that the process as claimed can be practiced by another and materially different apparatus or by hand is no longer appropriate as the method to which claims 18-20 are directed is specifically identified as being automated and requiring the components of the claimed apparatus. Furthermore, the high precision delivery to which the method is

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directed cannot be accomplished by hand. Hence, the method of using the apparatus is interrelated with the apparatus structure such that the apparatus and its use represent a single invention. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are therefore requested.

With this amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the present application can receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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